

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph found on page 10, line 23 through page 11, line 18 as follows:

A system's expiration date is the date when the server workload is expected to exceed its capacity because of growth in workload. An expiration date is calculated using life expectancy as set forth in co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/457,467 entitled "System and Method for Providing Property Histories of Objects and Collections For Determining Device Capacity Based Thereon", which was filed on December 8, 1999, or capacity space as set forth in co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/690,872, entitled "System and Method for Analyzing Capacity in a Plurality of Processing Systems", which was filed on October 17, 2000, or some comparable method (see also: Daniel A. Menasce, Virgilio A. Almeida, and Larry W. Dowdy, "Capacity Planning and Performance Modeling: From Mainframes to Client-Server Systems", Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1994 and Bucky Pope and Lily Mummer, "The Use of Life Expectancy to Manage Notes Domino E-Mail Storage", Proceedings of the Computer Measurement Group, CMG '99, December 1999). For the purposes of the present invention, the use of the terms "expiration date",

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"life expectancy", and "capacity space" will be understood to be mutually-interchangeable alternatives representing measurements of a processing system's capacity.

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Amend the paragraph found on page 12, line 23 through page 13, line 13 as follows:

The administrative processor makes use of three inputs: a table of key planning dates, the set of tables of workload units for each processing system and the table of processing systems in the installation. With the relevant information, the impact value component 111 of the administrative processor associates each processing system in the processing environment with a key planning date on the planning horizon. An objective of the invention is to ensure that each processing system's expiration date falls after a specified key planning date. If the processing component 121 of the administrative processor finds that a system will run out of capacity before its assigned key planning date, it will perform an analysis and select workload units to move to another system. Then, it will search the other systems in the environment to determine where to place the workload unit. In general, removing workload from a system results in a later expiration date while adding workload to a system typically results in an earlier expiration date.